

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA GAS AND OIL BOARD

APPLICANT: Equitable Production Company

DIVISION OF GAS AND OIL  
DOCKET NO. VGOB 89-0126-0009-16

RELIEF SOUGHT: MODIFICATION OF NORA COALBED GAS UNIT NOS.: BL-18, BL-19, BL-20, BM-18, BM-19, BM-20.

AFFECTED UNITS: (See Attached Exhibit A)

APPLICATION

1. **Applicant and its counsel:** Applicant is Equitable Production Company 1710 Pennsylvania Ave., Charleston, West Virginia, 25302, (800) 926-1759. Applicant's Counsel is James E. Kaiser 220 Broad Street, Suite 202, Kingsport, TN 37660 (423) 578-3838.

2. **Relief sought:** (1) Modification of the Nora Coalbed Methane Gas Field Rules, to allow more than one coalbed gas well to be drilled within each of the 58.77 acre Nora Units identified above. (2) For an administrative order providing that additional well permits may be issued in the Nora Field after this application is filed and while it is pending.

3. **Legal authority:** 4 VAC 25-160-50 and § 45.1-361.20 of the Code of Virginia.

4. **Proposed provisions of order sought:** That additional coalbed methane gas wells may be drilled in each of the above referenced Nora Units; that the second well be located at least 600 feet from the nearest coalbed methane well and need not be more than 600 feet from the nearest coalbed methane well; (and that production/royalties from each coalbed methane well drilled in the said Units shall continue to be allocated solely to the owners and claimants of and to the coalbed methane within the Unit in which the well is located.)

5. **Type of wells and field:** Coalbed methane frac wells within the portion of the Nora Coalbed Gas Field described above, and as depicted in the attached Exhibit A.

6. **Formations subject to application:** All coal beds and coal seams including all Pennsylvania aged coals from the top of the Raven, but not limited to Jawbone, Greasy Creek, C-Seam, War Creek, Beckley, Lower Horsepen, X-Seam, Poca 6, Poca 5, Poca 3, Poca 2, and any unnamed coal seams and other associated formations known as the Nora Coalbed Gas Field.

7. **Description of interest/claim of persons being notified:** Coalbed methane.

8. **Estimated ultimate recovery in each Nora Unit identified above:** 525 MMCF

9. **Plat:** See Exhibit A annexed hereto.

10. **The boundaries and acreage affected:** see Exhibit A annexed hereto.

11. **Attestation:** The foregoing application to the best of my knowledge, information and belief is true and correct.

**Equitable Production Company**

By: 

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Gas Field Rules, to allow more than one coalbed gas well to ) VGOB-89-0126-0009-16  
be drilled and an order providing additional well permits )

AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING  
(CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE)

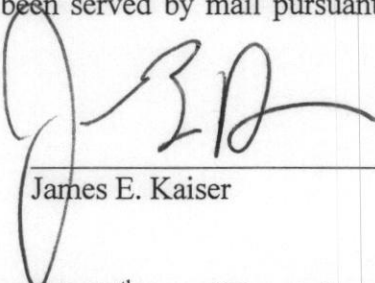
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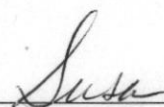


James E. Kaiser, of lawful age, being duly sworn, upon oath, deposes and says:

- (1) He is a partner with WILHOIT & KAISER, Agent for Equitable Production Company ("EPC") and makes this affidavit on behalf of EPC.
- (2) Based upon information and belief, the names and last-known addresses, where such addresses are known, of the parties owning an interest in the oil and gas in this cause are set forth and attached hereto.
- (3) On the 17th day of August, 2007, true and correct copies of the Application and the Notice of Hearing in this matter were placed in the United States mail in Kingsport, TN, certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, duly addressed to the unleased parties at their respective addresses as set forth in the attached Exhibit B which is hereby made a part of this Affidavit.
- (4) Notice of this cause has therefore been served by mail pursuant to the applicable statutes and rules of the Board.

  
James E. Kaiser

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2007.

  
Notary Public



My commission expires: 11-12-08

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EXHIBIT "B"  
Increased Density  
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Mr. Jim Sykes  
Steinman Development Company 46493272/8-22-07  
P. O. Box 249  
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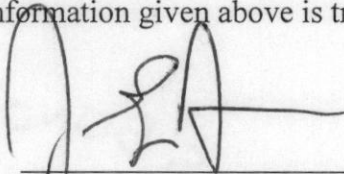
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**COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA  
COUNTY OF DICKENSON**

I, James E. Kaiser, after being duly sworn upon oath, state as follows:

1. I am responsible for the notification process required by VA. Code Ann. § 45.1-361.19 and VR 480-05-22.2 § 4.
2. That Equitable Production Company has exercised due diligence in attempting to locate and notice all owners and claimants who are unleased and/or who were not previously pooled by prior order(s) of the Virginia Gas and Oil Board regarding **the Nora Coalbed Gas Field**, all as required by Va. Code Ann. § 45.1-361.19 and VR 480-05-22.2.
3. That on **August 17, 2007** a true and correct copy of the Notice of Hearing with Exhibits will be mailed, via certified mail return receipt requested, to all owners and claimants listed in Exhibit B for whom mailing addresses were then available.
4. That Equitable Production Company will continue to exercise due diligence in attempting to locate and identify the names and/or addresses of any unknown of unlocatable parties and, if located or identified, will notify them of Equitable Production Company's application.

I have read the foregoing, and the information given above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

  
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James E. Kaiser  
Counsel for  
Equitable Production Company

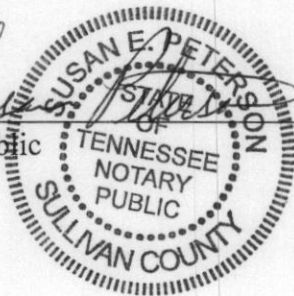
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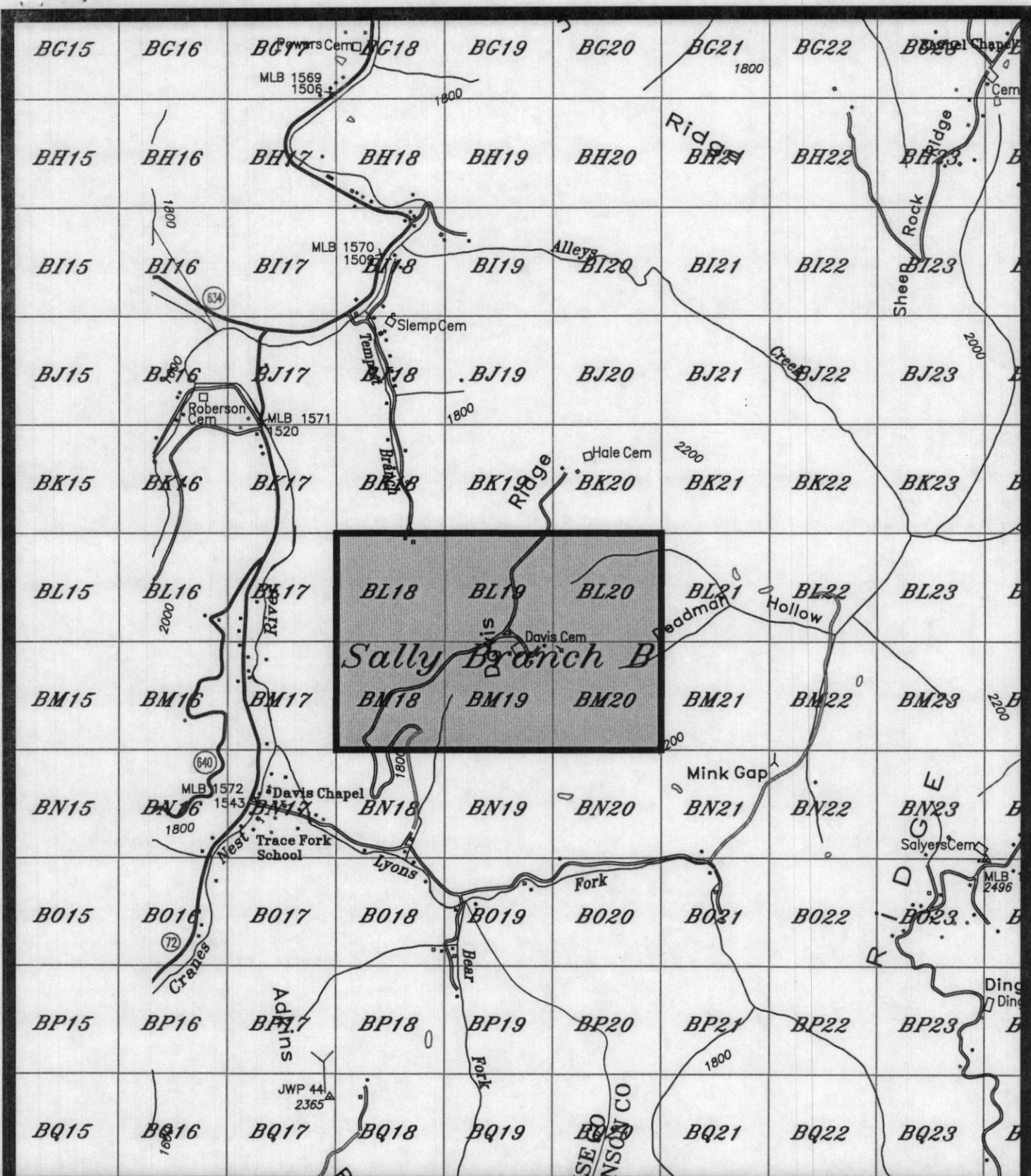
TAKEN, SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 17<sup>th</sup> day of  
August, 2007.

Susan E. Peterson  
Notary Public

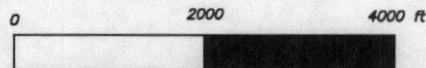


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**EXHIBIT A**  
**PROPOSED SALLY BRANCH B**  
**INCREASED DENSITY DRILLING**



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